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WEATHER FORECAST
FINE
Barometer 29.88

October 14, 1913, Temperature a.m. 78, p.m. 81; Humidity...34, 26.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE OCEAN DISASTER.

VIVID RESCUE STORIES.

Reuter's
(Service to the "Telegraph.")
London, Received Oct. 14.
The Carmania has arrived at Fishguard. The Captain declined to make a statement. A passenger, however, relates that two of the Voltorno's boats were safely launched. If these are lost, as is feared, the death toll will be 170.
Endangering Shipping.
H.M.S. Donegal has been despatched from Lamlash to destroy the Voltorno, which is endangering shipping.
Interviews with the Carmania's passengers who have arrived in London, wireless messages received from the Groszer Kurferst, Kronland, Devonian, Ozar and Touraine, and striking photographs of the burning of the Voltorno, taken from the rescuing ships, give vivid pictures of the disaster.
Gin Exploded.
Though an authoritative account by the survivors and crew of the Voltorno is still lacking, all stories concur that the loss of life was due to the destruction of the boats which were launched before the arrival of the liners.
The explosions of the evening are variously attributed to flames reaching one thousand cases of gin in the hold, and to detonators and rockets stored in the chart room exploding.
Forty Killed.
The panic among the passengers was intensified by these explosions which, the Groszer Kurferst says, killed forty people and injured the captain.
Most people aboard the Carmania passed the decks all night, some praying for the boats which were helplessly tossing on the sea, and unable to reach the Voltorno, upon which the Carmania had focussed a searchlight.
Burning Like Haystacks.
The flames, according to descriptions by the passengers of the Carmania, ascended to a height of one hundred feet, and were like a dozen haystacks burning.
The most heroic sight witnessed was that of two officers working like demons with axes and crowbars ripping up the deck to prevent the fire spreading and where the survivors were huddled.
Difficult Rescue Work.
The difficulty of rescuing by boats was made evident by the fact that a boat of the liner Minneapolis was carried off by the wind and current and her rudder broken. She was sighted by a searchlight of the Carmania, which steamed to her assistance, and as the last occupant climbed aboard, the boat was smashed on the Carmania's side. The time thus lost accounted for the Carmania not joining the final rescue. Captain Barr of the Carmania, signalling the other captains that he would stand aside if they rescued the passengers.
Plates Red Hot.
When the boats were alongside the Voltorno, her plates were red hot, and clouds of steam were rising from the waterline, but the rescues were most methodical, and even the captain's dog was taken off.
Hull Still Floating.
London, Received Oct. 15.
The s.s. Campania in wireless messages reports that she steamed round the s.s. Voltorno on Sunday afternoon. The hull is sound and making about a knot an hour and is liable to float indefinitely. They carefully searched for the missing boats but with no avail. Another liner also searched fruitlessly.

LATE HERR DIESEL.

BODY IN THE SCHELDT.

London, Received Oct. 14.
A body, believed to be that of Herr Rudolf Diesel, the inventor, has been found in the Scheldt.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME RACING.

CESAREWITCH PROBABLES.

Reuter's
(Service to the "Telegraph.")
London, Received Oct. 15.
Following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Cesarewitch, (2) miles, run at Newmarket to-day.
st. lbs.
Rivoli (F. Wootton) ... 8.10
King Midas (F. Templeman) ... 8.1
Warlingham (R. Crist) ... 8.0
Fantasio (Walter Griggs) ... 8.0
Wagstaff (Piper) ... 7.12
Mistiquette (Clout) ... 7.7
Eiz Yama (Herbert) ... 7.7
Nighthawk (Wheatley) ... 7.11
Dalmatian (Foy) ... 7.5
Lavaine (Whalley) ... 7.3
Himan (Smyth) ... 7.2
Grave Creek (Older) ... 7.2
The Guller (Lodson) ... 7.1
Augur (Marsh) ... 6.13
A neeey (W. Beasley) ... 6.12
Candytaft (Cooper) ... 6.12
Winthorpe (Patman) ... 6.9
Auctioneering (Buckley) ... 6.9
Charlton (Ringshead) ... 6.7
Farakabad (E. Huxley) ... 6.6
Kingsborough (Plant) ... 6.5
Pearldiver (Prout) ... 6.0
Code ta (T. Clark) ... 6.0
Bridge of Signs is a doubtful starter.
The betting is as follows:—
8 to 1 Fantasio
8 to 1 Wagstaff
10 to 1 Nighthawk
100 to 1 A neeey
13 to 1 Grave Creek
100 to 1 Rivoli
25 to 1 Mistiquette
100 to 1 The Guller
100 to 1 Dalmatian
40 to 1 Farakabad

HOME RULE.

BIRMINGHAM MEETING.

London, Received Oct. 14.
Mr. Austen Chamberlain presides over an anti-Home Rule meeting to be held at Birmingham shortly at which Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson will deliver addresses.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

LORD ALVERSTONE'S SUCCESSOR.

London, Received Oct. 14.
Lord Alverstone, the Lord Chief Justice, has resigned. A successor will be appointed in a few days, and there is reason to believe that he will be Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Attorney-General.

GOLF.

FRENCH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, Received Oct. 15.
Reuter's Chintilly correspondent reports that Duncan won the French Open Golf Championship with a score of 304.

ROYAL WEDDING.

PRINCE ARTHUR PROMOTED.

London, Received Oct. 15.
Prince Arthur of Connaught has been promoted to the rank of Major.

TELEGRAMS.

COLLIERY DISASTER.

LARGE DEATH-ROLL FEARED

Reuter's
(Service to the "Telegraph.")
London, Received Oct. 15.
An explosion has occurred at the Universal Colliery near Cardiff and the gravest fears are entertained that there will be a large death roll. Frantic women have gathered at the pithead, while rescue parties from all parts are making the most gallant efforts at rescue. According to the latest information there are 780 below. Of these 327 are alive, six bodies have been brought up and it is estimated that at least 150 have perished.
An Awful Calamity.
Later.
Reuter's correspondent at Cardiff states that the explosion appears to be developing into an awful calamity.
Cut off by Fire.
It is officially stated that 931 men descended the pit. The explosion was on the west side of the pit and was followed by an outbreak of fire. The men numbered number 420. The west side is cut off by fire, but the men on the east side have been brought up, including ten dead bodies and some injured men who are in a terrible condition.
485 Missing.
The Government mines inspector states that it is impossible to save anyone till the fire is extinguished. The position to-night is: 445 rescued and 485 missing.

Hope Abandoned.

The fire is still raging and there is little hope that any of the men are alive. The rescuers have penetrated only fifty yards of the workings and as most of the fumbled men are two miles further in, hope has been practically abandoned. One woman has lost her husband, three brothers and four sons.

King's Sympathy.

London, Received Oct. 15.

The King has telegraphed:—
The Queen and I are appalled at the terrible disaster and deeply sympathise with the families in the loss of their dear ones.

THE WHITH ANT

The white ant is a creature with which we are only too familiar in India, and many of our readers may have opportunities for confirming some observations which have recently been reported. Professor Bagnion says that while exploring in Ceylon, when he was working his way cautiously through dense vegetation, his attention was attracted by a curious rustling noise which at first suggested the presence of a cobra. This noise was found to come from a colony of white ants, Termites, which had formed galleries on the large fallen leaves of a bread tree. The sound was caused by the ants striking the under surface of these leaves with their mandibles, and the object of it was apparently to give a warning of approaching danger. Bagnion had another opportunity of making observations when about a hundred white ants took possession of a small desk in his office. By knocking on the outside of the desk he was able to get responses from the ants within. It is also asserted that this signalling is the special duty of soldier members of a white ant community who do sentry duty for the others, and that different sounds may be distinguished among the different species. (Statesman.)

TELEGRAMS.

THE SUFFRAGISTS.

ANOTHER ARREST.

Reuter's
(Service to the "Telegraph.")
London, Received Oct. 15.
Miss Sylvia Pankhurst has been arrested while entering a suffragist meeting at Poplar.

OBITUARY.

SIR JOHN BATTY TUKE.

London, Received Oct. 14.
The death is announced of Sir John Batty Tuke, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.E., LL.D., a member of the General Medical Council of Registration and Education, and President of the Neurological Society of the United Kingdom.
Sir David Baird, third Baronet of Newbyth, is dead. Deceased served in the Kaffir War, 1851-2; in the Crimea, 1854; and in the Indian Mutiny, 1858.

TRAINING FOR COLONIAL LIFE.

"Preparatory Schools" With Varied Curriculum.

There is little excuse for the woman who colonises nowadays, and who arrives at her destination to find life very much more difficult than she imagined.
One may, in fact, live a colonial life at home before starting, and without incurring much trouble or expense. Instead of learning by bitter experience that house-keeping in distant parts of the world is a little more complicated than imagination conceived it, even when goaded by memories of colonial novels, the different schools of colonial life, which are springing up all over Britain, prepare a prospective colonist admirably for the existence which is before her.
Where there was once but one institution which taught the rougher kinds of housemaking, dairy work, cooking, baking, and all the other home arts which must be combined in one person overseas, these schools can now be counted probably by the score. It is possible to take a long course of a year at least. During this time fruit-farming, with fruit preserving, dairy work, and poultry keeping amongst many useful accomplishments, may be learned. The prospective emigrant, who has but a short time at her disposal, may in a few weeks cram as much knowledge on all these subjects as she can, together with such purely domestic work as she may not already have at her fingers' ends.
It is not, as a matter of fact, only the bread-making and churning, cleaning and laundering which are so invaluable. A girl who goes out to keep her brother's house in some far off part of Canada or South Africa, or who emigrates to be married to a waiting fiance, takes the subject of her preparatory training far more seriously.
She goes in for courses on sick nursing and ambulance, simple dressmaking and eating out, in addition to all the homely arts which we accept as secondhand in this country, but which devolve on the housekeeper where conditions are less luxurious. We are only, in fact, beginning to make an exact science of colonising, from the woman's point of view. At some of these colleges it is possible to obtain the services of previous students who have been out to distant parts of the world, and served their apprenticeship there. They then return to add to the technical part of the training a practical side, of which their own experience makes them able judges.

TELEGRAMS.

INDIAN HARVEST.

POOR PROSPECTS.

Reuter's
(Service to the "Telegraph.")
London, Received Oct. 14.
Reuter's correspondent at Simoes states that the continued failure of the September rains has resulted in a partial failure of the Autumn harvest in parts of the United Provinces, Rajputana, the Central Provinces and Central India, and the Government has sanctioned advances to the amount of thirty lakhs for the United Provinces.

PLAGUE IN JAVA.

Plans to Prevent Spread of Infection.

The attempt to combat the plague in Sourabaya by the destruction of rats has had to be given up as futile, says the *Sourabaya Handelsblad*. It has cost a great deal of money and it has been found impossible to exterminate these rodents. The medical authorities have noticed that such districts, as for instance Malang, Kediri, and Madien, which get their rice from Sourabaya, are veritable hotbeds of plague, whilst others (not far removed from Sourabaya) that do not get their rice from this source are free from the disease. Such plague free districts are Probolinggo, Bangjoewangi and other places in the end of Java. Tipoe and Benihang that also get their rice from Sourabaya have remained uninfected. The medical authorities are therefore forced to the conclusion that the plague is spread by the transport of rice from an infected place. It is hoped that by the disinfecting of trucks containing rice and similar foodstuffs attracting rats, something might be done to check the spread of the disease.
But there exist other plans to prevent the introduction of the plague from East to West Java. These plans are not new but owing to certain difficulties they have had to be reconsidered for some time. The main idea is to build a separating wall from the outermost boundary of the already infected region, that is, to the west of those places where plague infected rats have been found, right through Java, from north to south. Of course, there will be enormous difficulties in a work of this kind. In the first place, it would be necessary to determine the true boundary which would separate a plague infected region from the rest of Java. Dr. de Raadt, the chief of the medical corps entrusted with the work of combating the plague, will, during his stay in middle Java, endeavour to determine this boundary. Middle Java itself, one might say with certainty, is plague free. When once the boundary has been determined with certainty, the most difficult task then would be to make the trace along which the wall would have to be built. This wall would have to be so laid that it would not come to any river, however small, for in that case, even if the wall extended a little way into the river, rats could very easily swim round it. At present the authorities believe they have found a good route for the wall, to the west of Samarang. This will run over the crest of the Semarang range, to the south coast. An advantage of this is that the wall need not be carried to the top of the mountain range, for at a certain height there exists no food for rats, which will therefore never be found so far up. This question, however, is if the proposed route is the true dividing line between the interested and non-interested part of Java.

TELEGRAMS.

CABINET MEETING.

ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS.

Reuter's
(Service to the "Telegraph.")
London, Received Oct. 15.
The Cabinet meeting is regarded as the most important for years. Elaborate precautions against suffragist attacks on Ministers have been taken.
It is expected that the Cabinet will deal with the Irish problem and the Land Campaign, and the Chief Justiceship of Galway.

If the plague boundary is more to the west of the proposed route, then the wall line would have to be longer than the one now in view, as a great circuit would have to be made to avoid the river. It is estimated that the length of the whole line would be between 200 and 220 kilometers. With regard to the wall itself, the following is suggested. The wall would be let half a meter into the ground. A portion of this part would be made of cement concrete. The wall would be raised above the ground to a height of (7) 75 centimetres, about 30 inches, and would probably be made of sheet iron. Where the railway and tram lines cross the wall a sort of gateway would be placed where of course a gate-keeper would have to keep watch.

This is the scheme which the medical and technical experts who are endeavouring to exterminate the plague, are taking into consideration. Of course, a rat may occasionally get on the other side of the wall, but the medical experts are agreed that an infected rat is soon abandoned by flies when it leaves its nest, so that there is danger of spreading the plague by a stray rat or two. Many difficulties will have to be got over before the wall can be built. Kampongs may have to be shifted, and many undertakings whose lands may be cut into two portions which would be entirely separated from one another would have to be compensated. The cost of the wall, needless to say, would run into hundreds of thousands of guilders. On the other hand, West Java will almost certainly be protected against the spread of the plague from the Eastern portion.
Meanwhile the authorities await Dr. de Raadt's report. When this has been handed in, a survey will be made by the technical experts to fix the track along which the wall will proceed.

MOR-TIBETAN SUCCESS.

Hopeless Chinese Outlook.

Chengtu, Oct. 7.

Eastern Tibet remains disturbed. The Tibetans are in possession of Lower Heiangcheng. Many Chinese soldiers are leaving the interior and returning to Szechuan. It is alleged that the reason for this is lack of pay.
Yuin Tutuh is settling down at Tachienlu. He has engaged carpenters from Yachow to build him suitable premises. He proposes also to erect military barracks at Yulingkong which is eight miles from Tachienlu.
The King of Chala with his family and retainers has secretly left Tachienlu for an unknown destination.
The merchants of Tachienlu have been forced to refund \$10,000, which the rebel commander Oling abstracted from the Treasury in August. The financial situation is causing Yuin Tutuh great anxiety. He is attempting to borrow money from the missionaries.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

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LOCAL.

"Jottings by the way" appear in this issue.

Interesting notes on various forms of local sport appear to-day.

An interesting organ recital was given at St. John's Cathedral last evening.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Steam Laundry Co. Ltd. was held to-day.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. hostel fund is progressing steadily. Subscriptions are coming in satisfactorily.

Attack by a Collie Dog.

When Miss Wilmot, a dressmaker, of Sheffield House, Matlock, was walking recently a collie dog jumped at her, bit her arms and tore her blouse. Several men who went to her aid tried to beat the dog off with sticks one of which was broken across the animal's back. Miss Wilmot suffered serious injuries.

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TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

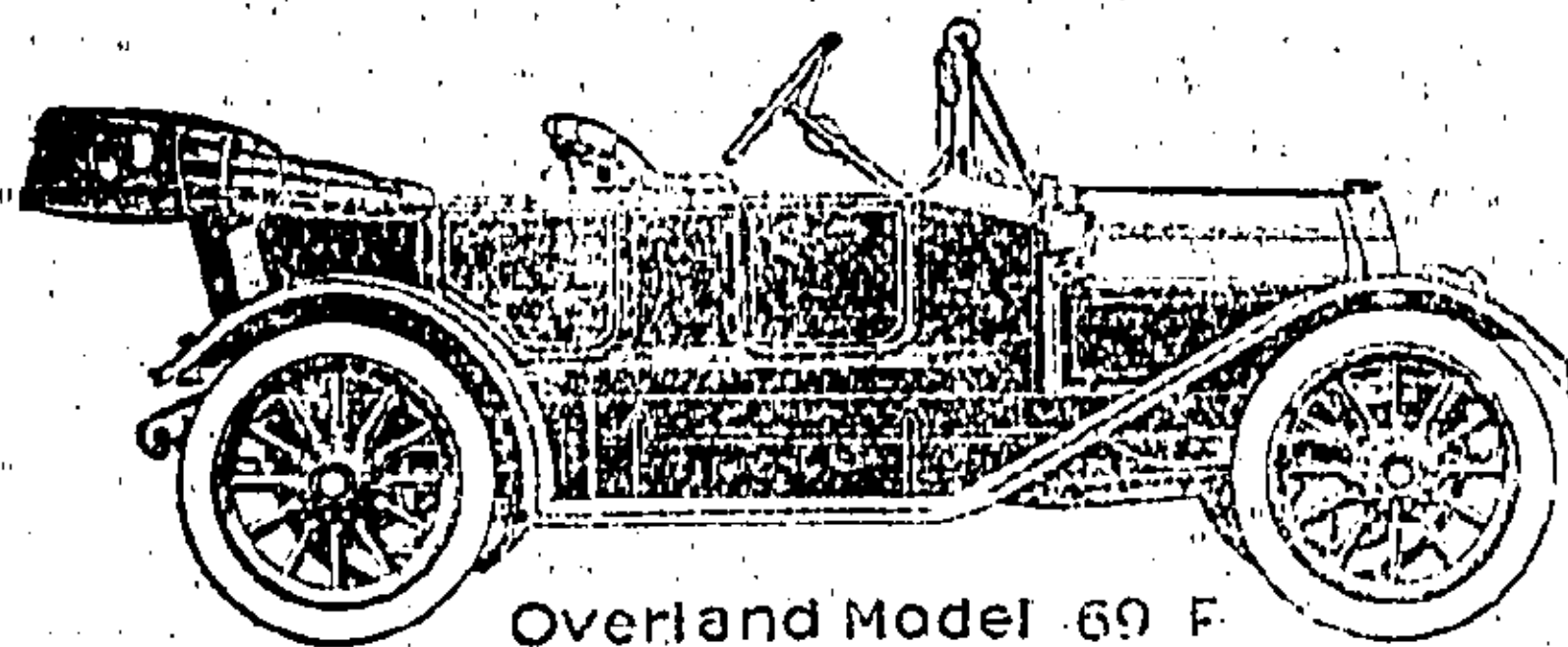
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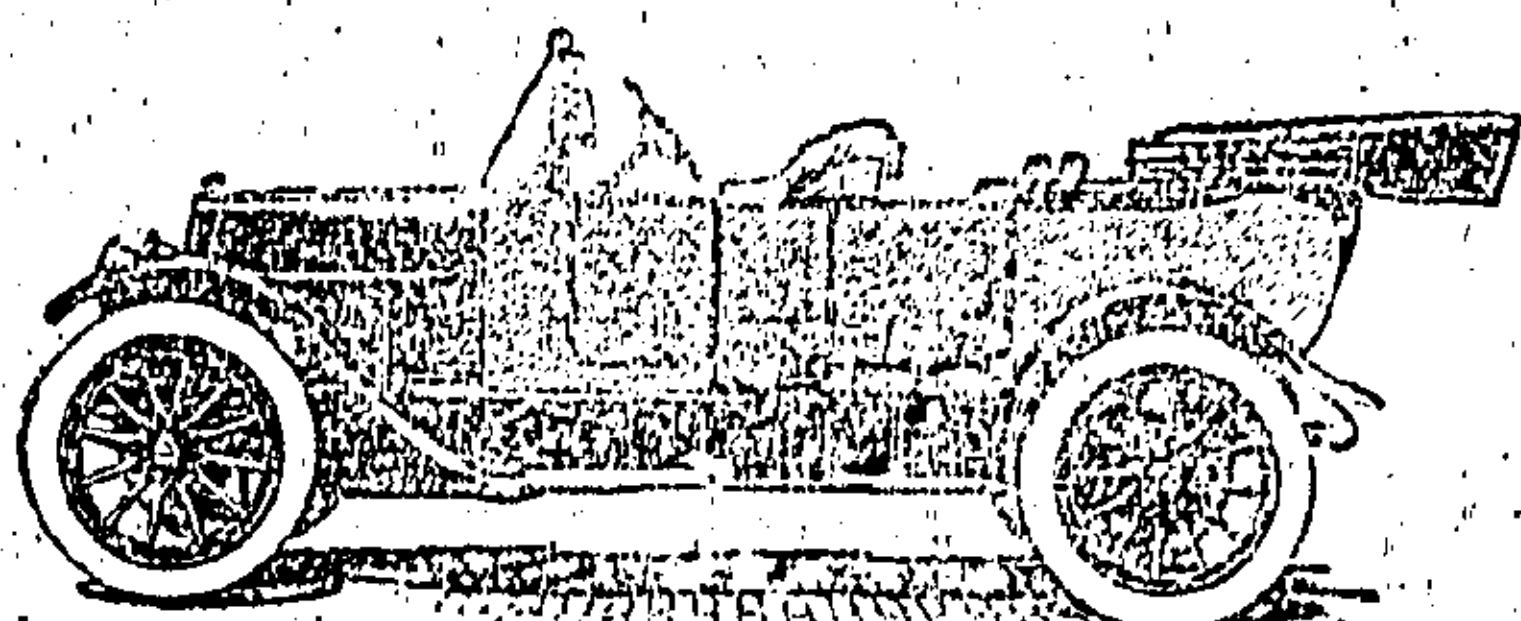
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China's flight on the P. at. It is clear from references in the papers and from telegrams that have been sent broadcast throughout the land, that the national spirit of China has been greatly gratified at the step taken by the Great Powers in recognising the Republic as satisfactorily established, and the Republican Government as capable of managing the affairs of the country. China's vanity has been irritated by the apparent reluctance of other Governments to recognise her. She has been like some ambitious person who has been trying to make his way into society, and has met with a cold surprise; now suddenly a turn of fortune has brought within his reach the thing for which he had so long struggled. He beams a smile of satisfaction and feels that after all his labours have not been in vain. That China's sense of honour have felt keenly the isolation in which they have been placed is clear from the frequent references in the Press to the fact that Japan and America were kind enough to come forward and give them recognition as long before the others thought the step advisable or safe.

South China Morning

The Land Campaign.

That the rings of the ladder of progress should be placed within reach of the labourer is worthy of the best and finest principles of Liberalism, and it cannot be denied that in England there is a growing proof of the need that the cultivator of the soil should have, under the aegis of the Government, expert instruction in that appertaining to the soil, while the lack of facilities for raising produce to the markets of England has been a constant source of late years to remedy his evil. It remains to be seen to what extent the State will be a financial aid to carry out the U. S. scheme propounded by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. We are on the eve of a bitter war in regard to the ownership of property. This is one of the richest "hen-rocks" yet to be attacked by the radical reformers of the present Government.

Daily Press.

Concerning Weihaiwei.

A Telegram to the *Oceania* character Lloyd mentioned recently that the Peking correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, discussing suggestions made with regard to British policy in China, "recommends the strengthening of the British alliance with Japan and the exchange of Weihaiwei, which China desires to use as a naval base, for the island of Okinawa which has an excellent Yungtze anchorage and which promises to become another Hongkong and a basis of the British commerce in China." We doubt if this suggestion is ever likely to be seriously considered either by the British or Chinese Government. While the Chinese Press of the North has for many years past given currency to reports indicative of a desire on the part of the Chinese Government to regain possession of Weihaiwei as a naval base, and it has even been more than once stated—incorrectly, we believe—that the British Government had been sounded on subject; we have never observed in these reports any indication of a disposition to offer other territory in exchange for Weihaiwei. Nor do we think it likely that the Chinese Government would nowadays be persuaded to do so. The offer of a lease of Okinawa in exchange for Weihaiwei might be tempting because Great Britain has not done so much at Weihaiwei as to make her anxious to hold the place which, commercially, is never likely to be of any great value.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Hanyang Conflagration.

A conflagration which involved insurance companies to the tune of nearly Tls. 100,000 occurred recently at Hanyang. The total loss to the insurance companies, however, it is expected, would be far below the above sum, for valuable salvage returns were anticipated.

Disguise Useful.

One of the released prisoners under the "Cat and Mouse Act," Miss Annie Bell, disguised to evade the police, was recognised by a policeman, in spite of the fact that she was dressed in a Norfolk suit and a man's straw hat. She was arrested for failing to return to H.M. way to finish a sentence of 10 days' imprisonment.

Earl Grey and "Parasites."

Mr. H. H. Smith, the general secretary of the Ironminters' Federated Association Incorporated, having written to Earl Grey calling attention to his speech delivered at the Congress in Glasgow of the International Co-operative Alliance, his lordship has replied, greatly regretting that the members of the association "should have believed that he had been correctly reported as having styled all shopkeepers in this country as parasites." Earl Grey directed a full report of his address to be sent to Mr. Smith, who, however, writes that "it in no way alters the conclusion that one arrives at, that Earl Grey considers the middleman or shopkeeper as unnecessary, and styles him a 'parasite'."

State Aid For Vivisection.

Thousands of people attended an anti-vivisection demonstration in Hyde Park arranged by the London and suburban branches of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, to protest against the allocation of £57,000 per year under the Insurance Act for the purposes of research. Mr. H. G. Chancellor, M.P., moved a resolution entering a strong protest against Mr. Lloyd George's recent assurance in Parliament that the research in connection with the National Insurance Act would be conducted under the conditions of the Vivisection Act.

The resolution characterised the research as wasteful and useless. Mr. Chancellor said that for the first time the work of vivisectionists was endowed with public money, and that was diversion of public money from its proper object.

MESSRS. J. AIRD & CO.

Retirement of Famous Contractor.

It is officially stated that the works of the famous engineering firm of Messrs. J. Aird and Co., Queen Anne's-gate, W., are shortly to be closed.

Notification of the cessation of the works has already been communicated to the many firms with whom Messrs. Aird and Co. have been interworking for years past. The offices at Queen Anne's-gate will pass into other hands, but all contracts entered into, with the exception of one, which it is expected, will be finished in 1914, will be completed forthwith.

The history of the firm is remarkable. It was founded in 1851 by John Aird, a mason, who had come to London from Glasgow and settled at Bromley-by-Bow. He had been for twenty years superintendent of the station of the Phoenix Gas Company at Greenwich, and in 1848 he started as a contractor on his own account. That was a time when the great towns of Britain were undertaking works for the supply of gas and water, and Mr. Aird was one of the earliest contractors in London for the erection of gasworks and the provision of water mains. His son, John Aird, who became M.P. for North Paddington, and was created a baronet, extended the operations of the firm in a remarkable manner.

Having entered the business in 1851, the year of the great Crystal Palace Exhibition in Hyde Park, his first important undertaking was the removal of Sir Joseph Paxton's famous structure to its present site at Sydenham. Following this work his firm undertook large waterworks constructions on the Thames, and at Amsterdam, Copenhagen, and Berlin, and gasworks in Russia, France, Italy, Denmark, and Brazil.

In 1880 the firm amalgamated with that of Messrs. Lucas, under the title Lucas and Aird, and shortly thereafter the combined company entered upon the work of contracting for railways. They executed the Metropolitan District and St. John's Wood Railway, an extension of the West Highland Railway, and simultaneously carried out the construction of the Royal Albert Docks, the East and West India, and Tilbury Docks. A still more important undertaking was that of the Manchester Ship Canal.

After 1895 the Lucas interest disappeared, and the firm reverted to its old style, John Aird & Co. Its greatest work was yet to be accomplished in the construction of the great Nile dams at Assuan and Assiout. A difficulty presented itself with regard to this vast scheme in the matter of finance; but it was surmounted with the aid of Sir Ernest Cassel. Sir John Aird was able to lay his plans before the Egyptian Government on the basis of an agreement that his firm should construct the dams, without any payment being made until the work was complete, and that then the payment should be spread over a term of ten years. In 1902 the great structure was finished, in less time by a year than the engineer, Sir Benjamin Baker, had stipulated. As is now universally admitted, this was of the utmost advantage to Egypt, which has ever since been saved from the terrible effects of drought when there has been a low Nile. In addition the enormous reservoirs have brought into cultivation an extensive area of land that had previously been desert. Later the firm executed the Royal Edward Dock at Avonmouth, and a large dock at Singapore. Sir John Aird died in 1911, and left a fortune of over a million sterling. Sir John Aird, the second baronet, has decided for private reasons to discontinue the business.

A House-Selling Story.

Mrs. Gray, of South Norwood, prosecuting John Jamieson, aged 63, at Croydon, said the man called with reference to her house, which was advertised for sale. After viewing it he said he would purchase. He gave the name of "Jim Jamieson, of Ayr," and told her he had a factory at Kilmarnock.

When he left he asked her to lend him a little money to get back to Victoria, saying that he had put money in his pocket, but it was missing. She lent him 2s. 6d. and further sums on other days. Her suspicions were aroused later and she gave him into custody. Jamieson was remanded for inquiries.

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CHINA'S DEMANDS IN TIBET.

The Simla Conference.

At the request of the Chinese Commissioner Mr. Cheng Yi-fan, the Chinese Government has drawn up the following points for discussion between the Chinese and Tibetan delegates.

1.—The new Conventions should not infringe those commercial agreements concluded between Great Britain and China in 1893 and 1904.

2.—All administrative affairs should be placed under the control of the Chinese authorities in Tibet; but British Commercial delegates and merchants are permitted to establish their offices and trade at those ports opened to foreign commerce.

3.—All judicial affairs between British, Chinese and Tibetan subjects shall be administered by British and Chinese officials.

4.—The Chinese Government agrees to reform the judicial system of Tibet within five years when the British Consular jurisdiction in Tibet should be withdrawn.

5.—Great Britain should not station more troops, other than those required for the protection of the British Consulates in Tibet, without first consulting China.

6.—All loans contracted by Tibet shall be borne by China with the exception of those of a private nature.

7.—In case any public or private property of British officials and merchants is stolen by natives the Chinese police in Tibet will do their best to restore same; but they will not accept any responsibility if the robbers have fled to neighbouring countries.

8.—Opium and morphia should not be imported into Tibet by British subjects or they will be severely punished.

Mr. Cheng Yi-fan, Chinese Commissioner for the Simla Conference, has been instructed by the Peking Government to take note of these points for discussion with the British and Tibetan delegates.

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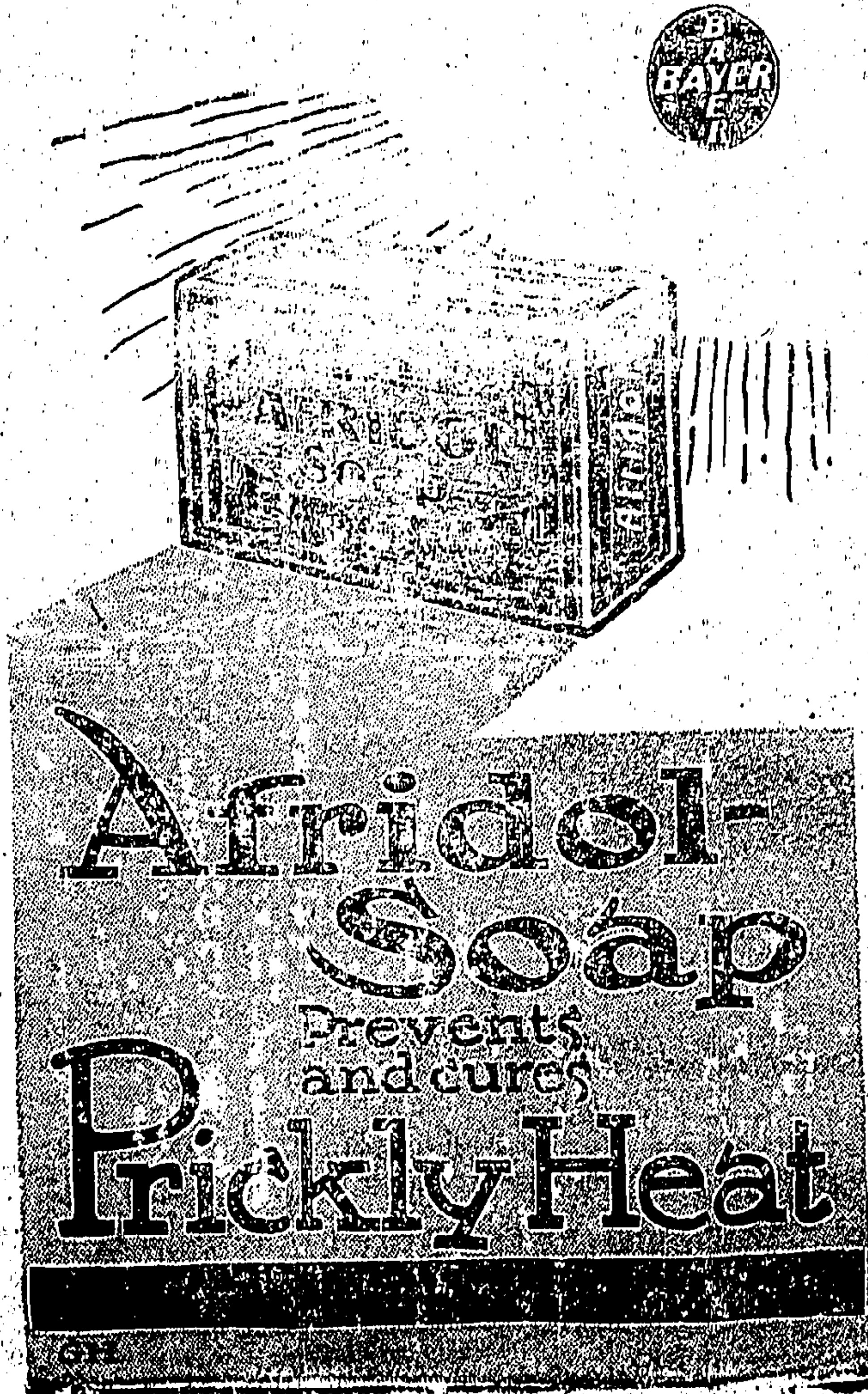
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THE HOME GOVERNMENT AND SMALL HOLDINGS.

Be a Government never so feeble and incompetent, it is still capable, on rare occasions, of proposing measures that will be of real use to the community; and an example of this found in the present Radical Government's readiness to handle the question of small holdings. No one born and brought up in Great Britain needs to be told that much of the dependence of the agricultural labourer, and of the poverty of the tenant farmer is due to the fact that the garden or the land which he tills is not his own; that, in the back-ground, there is the much dreaded landlord. It is an old, old grievance and we shall watch with interest—may, with eagerness—see how Radicalism will set to work to abolish it.

Needless to say there are many arguments to be offered on both sides of the question. At the present moment there are but a few hundred square miles in Britain that are farmed by the owners. In each county—in some of course, more so than in others—one finds that the bulk of the land is divided up into a few huge estates, comprising arable and pasture land residential districts or factory sites or what not, each estate being the property of some large landowner who has acquired it either by purchase or by inheritance, and whose revenue is derived from the letting of that ground. Just as no tenant of a house feels inclined to make structural improvements to it on any large scale, inasmuch as the property is not his own, so no hirer of a farm or allotment will readily go to great expense to enrich the soil which does not belong to him and from which he may be ousted at comparatively short notice. If the land were the farmer's own, or the garden the cottager's own, things might be different, for it would then be to the interest of each to feed in-tead of to starve the land, with an eye to the future.

Already in various parts of Britain experiments have been tried with small freeholds; in some cases these have been a dead failure, in others a most decided success. Advocates of reform and innovation rarely take into consideration the varying temperaments of the people in whose interests they are supposed to be working, and it is doubtful if some of Mr. Lloyd George's admirers realise that there is any difference in character between the Kentish farmer and him of Devon, or between the Scots and the South Country labourer. In the South of England, except perhaps in the coastal district the people are as unready for co-operation as they were three hundred years ago; and it is only by co-operative methods that the small holding can be made to benefit the labourer. The Scot and the North Countryman understand that point, and act accordingly; while the Southern labourer, if told that he is to own his plot of ground, would ask blankly "Who is going to buy the seed and supply the labour, machinery, etc.?" In other words, small holdings, like education and other blessings, will benefit the man who is prepared to profit by them. To the penny, frugal Northerner they will come entirely as a boon, but we greatly fear that in the South, after the first flush of possession is over, the holders will neglect their property and finally be ready to part with it, for the traditional pot of beer, to men who are lying, so to speak, in wait to collect such holdings and once more transfer them to the large landowner.

Blaming the Reporter.

The note which appeared in this column the other day regarding public men who "blame the reporter," reminds one that newspapermen have often followed a course of "difficulties" to go unchallenged. One remembers the instance, famous among reporters at Home, of the Conservative M. P. who, while Mr Chamberlain was still a Liberal, described him as "this devil in human form." Of course there was an outcry, and he was called upon to apologise or to withdraw. He had the hardihood, however, to deny that he ever used the phrase although quite a number of newspapers had it. As it happened, one Conservative newspaper did not include the phrase in its report. Either the reporter left it out, or the sub-editor did not like the look of it. On the fact that it did not there appear the speaker based his defence. But the truth was that the reporter had the phrase on his notes. Journalists are not so ready to lie down silently under such an accusation nowadays.

A Seaman's Gallantry.

At a moment when the gallantry displayed on the occasion of the Voltorno disaster is being discussed, a note which is sent us by the Secretary of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild may well be given publicity. He states that Captain H. Irvington Walton, Lieut. R.N.R., of the Wilson Liner "Salmo" reported to the Guild the gallantry of one of his able seamen, Mr Jesse Suddaby, of Hull. "It appears," writes the secretary, "that some members of the crew of the 'Salmo,' when lying at Gothenberg, were in a small boat close to the steamer. One of them, Mr J. Grimoldby, the assistant steward, went overboard for a swim; when at some distance from the boat he got into difficulties and began to sink. The boat's crew, on realising the position, pulled to the spot and Suddaby, when nearing the drowning man, dived overboard in his clothes as he stood, securing the assistant steward just as he was in the act of sinking for the last time. The rescued man was got into the boat and eventually recovered. There was a very strong current running in the river at the time which made the rescue all the more creditable. Mr Suddaby has now received the Royal Humane Society's testimonial on vellum; and well he deserves it. Incidents like these make us proud of the men who go down to sea in ships."

Y.M.C.A.

Meetings of Debating Society and Chess Section.

A meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society was held yesterday evening when the programme for the ensuing year was discussed. It was decided not to run the debates on Parliamentary lines this year, but to have debates on general subjects which would be varied as occasion required. The following officials were elected:—President, Mr H. Sykes; vice president, Mr C. H. Hickling; Hon. Sec. Mr M. Manuk. The debates will open on October 27.

The Chess Section.

The annual general meeting of the chess section was also held last evening and the following officers were elected:—Mr M. G. P. Piercy, president; Mr G. Fuller Hon. treas. and sec.; and Messrs C. A. S. Russ and J. Longstaffe, committee. It was decided to have practice matches on Tuesday at 5.15 and 9 p.m. and the subscription was fixed at one dollar.

A TAI ON ARREST.

Revolver and Many Rounds of Ammunition.

A Chinese who had just returned from America, was arrested on the Lee Kee Wharf, as he was about to board the s.s. Tai On, for being in unlawful possession of a revolver and 491 rounds of ammunition.

Mr Wood, at the Police Court, this morning, fined him \$250, or in default three months.

DAY BY DAY.

"LET US MAKE NO VOWS BUT LET US ACT AS THOUGH WE HAD."

The Mails.

German.—Arrived per s.s. Kleist to-day.

American and Canadian.—Left per s.s. Mexico Maru at 2 p.m. to-day.

Siberian Closes.—per s.s. Kleist at 5 p.m. to-day.

German.—Closes per s.s. Gaoise-nau to-morrow at noon.

Mr. Chesbire Leaves.

Mr F. D. Chesbire, the American Consul at Canton left to-day by the s.s. Kleist.

Out of Hospital.

Mr Michael Waters, the Police Court usher, is now out of hospital.

Smoking in Court.

At the Police Court, this morning, a man was fined \$1 by Mr Wood for smoking in Court.

Watch Reported Stolen.

George Ho, reports to the police that some person stole a watch valued \$50, from the lavatory of Alexandra Cafe, last night.

Sent to Hospital.

An Indian watchman has been sent to the hospital suffering from injuries alleged to have been inflicted by a man in custody.

Mrs. Volpicelli Learning.

Mrs. Volpicelli wife of Commandatore Volpicelli leaves to-morrow at daylight by the s.s. Koerber for Venice.

A Fine Flavour.

We have received from Messrs. H. Ruttenjee and Son a sample of John Haig's whisky while we have tasted and found of excellent flavour.

Yarmouth Arrives.

H.M.S. Yarmouth Capt H.L. Cochrane arrived in the Harbour yesterday afternoon and saluted with eleven guns, the Commodore's flag.

Disorderly Conduct.

A woman who behaved in a disorderly manner near Murray Barracks, was fined \$25 or in default one month, by Mr Wood, at the Police Court, this morning.

Sir Kai Ho Kai.

Sir Kai Ho Kai and Lady Ho Kai, who have both been unwell, are now convalescent and are sufficiently recovered to proceed on the s.s. Chiyo Maru on Friday for Japan, for the benefit of their health.

Mr Von Wisner Learning.

Mr Von Wisner, the Austrian Consul, leaves to-morrow at daylight by the s.s. Koerber for Trieste. Last evening he was the guest at a dinner given by some of his colleagues at the Hongkong Hotel.

Stolen Rings.

Mrs Morris, 88 Robinson Road, has reported to the police at West Point, that some person stole from her jewel case, two rings valued at \$80. She also reports that two pairs of linen trousers were stolen and the value of these is estimated at \$7.

Silk Delivered.

The cargo of raw silk shipped on board the s.s. Chiyo which left this port on August 26, was delivered at New York on the 11th instant. It is reported that the s.s. Anstruther, which left this port on September 3, was delivered at Lyon on October 10.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

From a report of a Chinese gathering:—"In conclusion, Mr. Hing Hsueh-chun sang a song advising his hearers to use national goods." The adaptation of prose and vocal efforts to commercial propaganda is very happy and holds out possibilities. We should like, one of these days, to see an auction sale (say) done in sonnet form or, better still, a Sanitary Board notice done in the form of a triquet.

On the same occasion one speaker deplored the fact that Chinese merchants in dealing with foreigners, "merely looked to profits." Somehow we had a suspicion of this before.

"The great thing that it (the Association) would do was to make football as comfortable as possible for the players." Thus a speaker at a recent football meeting in Hongkong. We had an aunt who always did say that football was a brutal game. We wish she lived to see the day when it was made "comfortable."

Things that might have been more kindly put:—"In yesterday's election for the President Lung Chi Kwong obtained one vote. The whole city is decorated in honour of the occasion."

Rear-Admiral Arbuthnot and Captain Black recently ran a 100 yards race at Portsmouth. Concerning the event a Home Journalist has this:—"Now Captain Black is a large man, and Rear-Admiral Arbuthnot a small one. It was soon apparent that the little admiral was handicapped by the shorter length of his propellers as well as by his smaller displacement and momentum."

In order not to be entirely beaten, we may remark that the journalist in question had evidently hauled up his slacks.

At the Police Court, on Saturday we were told that a man had returned three times from banishment. He got twelve months imprisonment and four hours' stocks. No fatted calf for this returned prodigal.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Commencing to-night, there will be exhibited at the Victoria Theatre a wonderful instructive picture entitled "For the King." This film is in two parts, one dealing with life in the navy and the other with life in the army. The film, showing as it does interesting events and daily incidents in all branches of His Majesty's services, comes at a time when the defence of Great Britain is a subject very prominently before the public, and the relative strength and value of the respective services as safeguards against possible invasion are topics of almost daily discussion. Bearing in mind the keen and personal interest taken by His Majesty in both the Army and the Navy, it is fitting that the film should commence with a splendid view of His Majesty in military uniform mounted on his magnificent black charger "Delhi." He is leading the many branches of his army—Infantry, Artillery, Cyclist Corps and Transport.

Commencing on Monday next, the famous illusionist De Villiers, is to appear at the Victoria for a short season. De Villiers, has been recognised for some years as one of the world's leading magicians and since he has branched out in a style distinctly his own, is accredited with being the most original and up-to-date man in his profession. Most of his work is based upon historical facts, works of art and incidents in one way or another of universal interest which tend to make his performance doubly interesting. Booking is at Messrs. Montague.

COMPANY MEETING.

Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Steam Laundry Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the office of Sir Paul Chater C. M. G. Mr F. M. Chater was in the chair, and there were also present, Sir C. P. Chater, C. M. G. director, Messrs A. D. Gee, (manager) and C. B. Brown shareholders, and Mr E. J. Chapman, secretary.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting the chairman said:—"Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will adopt the usual course and take them as read."

It is with much regret that your Directors have for the second year in succession to face you without a recommendation for a dividend, but as the net profit on the year's working was only \$1,513.60, being the amount to be dealt with, viz \$9,404.96 less the carry forward of \$7,891.36 from previous year, they considered it in the best interests of the company to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss account as follows:—

Write off Machinery	\$2,000.00
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and they trust you will approve.

At one period of the past year there was a bad loss and almost a cessation of work owing to the disorganisation of the business on the departure of your late manager; this, and the defalcation by the comprador who bolted with \$1,297.21 (included in the \$1,428.51 shown as bad debts written off) are the main reasons for the unfortunate result placed before you. The comprador was secured for \$2,000.00 cash which has been restated.

For months past we have done quite well and I am pleased to say that the business is working smoothly and well under our new manager Mr. Gee. If we continue in the same way I can confidently predict that there will be a dividend for the current year and also that the future of the company should be prosperous. All losses have been fully provided for and we have started the current year with a clean slate as it were.

I would point out that 80 per cent. has been paid away in dividends in the past eleven years or an average of 7.27 per cent per annum and besides no less than \$52,825.24 has been written off Machinery and Buildings during the period.

In the past year six well built Chinese houses, quite close to the Laundry, have been erected for the staff; this has the advantage of having most of the staff on the spot and under better supervision, besides which the saving in rent previously paid by the company gives a fair return on the investment.

By the end of this year we should have an up to date dry cleaning department, and with care and good work we expect this branch of our business to greatly increase.

We are just about to fix up a new collar moulder from home, which is the latest thing in collar finishing machines, and we trust this will remove complaints by improving the quality of the work.

The position of the company would be greatly strengthened by the more whole-hearted support of the public, which I think we deserve, as the Laundry is as well or better equipped than many laundries at Home, and it is under European supervision.

Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

There being no questions, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Sir Paul Chater:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr Brown and seconded by Sir Paul Chater that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. Those present

in favour passed the usual way—against—carried unanimously. The next business is the election of myself as director.

Mr Gee:—I beg to propose the election of Mr. Chater as director in place of Mr. O. B. Brown.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr Gee and seconded by Mr. Brown that my self be elected director in place of Mr. O. B. Brown. Those in favour—against—carried. The next business is the re-election of Sir Paul Chater as director.

Mr Brown:—I beg to propose the re-election of Sir Paul Chater as director.

Mr Gee:—I beg to second that. The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr Brown and seconded by Mr. Gee that Sir Paul Chater be re-elected director. Those in favour—against—carried. The next business is the re-election of Sir Paul Chater as director.

Mr Brown:—I beg to propose the re-election of Mr. Gee as auditor at a remuneration of \$100.

Mr Gee:—I beg to second that. The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr Brown and seconded by Mr. Gee that Mr. A. O. D. Gordon be re-elected auditor at a remuneration of \$100. Those in favour—against—carried. That is all the business, gentlemen, thank you for your attendance; I am sorry there are no dividend warrants.

BANK NOTE CASE.

The case for the defence was opened at the Police Court, this afternoon, in a case wherein three Chinese were charged with being in possession of \$67,000 worth of banknotes—property alleged to have been stolen outside the Colony.

Mr F. B. L. Bowley, of Messrs. Dennis and Bowley prosecuted for the Police, and Mr. Britton, of Messrs. Brutto and Bell, defended.

The case was adjourned.

TIENTSIN BANK AGENT.

Retirement of Mr D. H. Mackintosh.

Mr E. D. Sanders, until recently agent for the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Saigon arrived here by the Atlantic on Saturday, on his way to Tientsin. Mr Sanders leaves here to-day for Tientsin. He is, on his arrival, to relieve Mr D. H. Mackintosh, agent at Tientsin who is retiring after many years service. Mr Mackintosh is well known in Hongkong where he spent the earlier years of his service with the Bank.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

Successful Campaign to Raise Funds.

The campaign to raise \$50,000 for the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Hotel has been going ahead at a greater rate since Monday, when the teams were reorganised. As a result the four teams were able to report progress to the extent of \$3,300 odd last evening, the total now raised being \$34,435. The organisers are now very hopeful of the result of the campaign and are of opinion they can see their way to success.

Japanese Planters in Malaya.

The Japanese Planters' Association of Malaya in a list of its members shows that in Johore and Singapore 87,549 acres were in Japanese hands, out of which 30,901 acres were tilled and 23,180 acres planted. Non-members held an additional 2,368 acres, of which 1,400 acres were

CORRESPONDENCE.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

The Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—In my last reply, the following statement has been borne out by a paragraph in the present reply of yours Mr. Faithhealer. I take it—his attitude of his is dishonest and letters emanating from such a source will not in their motives bear the "acid test" of honesty. The last statement of his letter under review is—"My desire is merely to point out the deadly errors in your teaching, and to proclaim the truth." The animus of his motive is plainly discernible. He desires to be heard of men, otherwise if there were errors, from which Christian Scientists, inclusive of myself, are suffering these kindly Mr. Faithhealer would come to us personally and tell us of same. If he addresses the public, the public have not sought his opinion and are not Christian Scientists; then how he has volunteered to instruct them on points which they have not asked to be instructed upon. Those interested in Christian Science are only amused for they clearly see the pit into which Mr. Faithhealer has fallen by trying to make existent that which is not existent.

In the first issue Mr. Faithhealer thought he had Christian Science in a nutshell and so bounded on all sides by Gen. W. Glover except at the end with a which he said through the end and anticipated the end of the end. Mr. Faithhealer immediately abandoned this position.

In the first and second letter Mr. Faithhealer firmly announced that Christian Science did not heal for the cases had not been diagnosed by competent diagnosticians. Such an arrogant statement required truthfully Mr. Faithhealer to personally know several million cases of healings and among many nations speaking many languages. Our opponent must indeed be a polyglot and ubiquitous. Also these healings in some cases had been testified to in Court under oath and under cross-examination and also in legislative chambers. Mr. Faithhealer finding this position of his untenable has abandoned it.

Now with a bombastic bombardment of heavy artillery he announces the victory is his, the enemy in full retreat and finally the enemy is annihilated. It is quite strange that he does not have a cinema film taken of what he thinks is going to happen every time he writes to the press.

My reply was straightforward, concise and comprehensive, and if Mr. Faithhealer has not the understanding to reason, metaphysically it is not possible for me to provide him with this ability.

Mr. Faithhealer is quite welcome to all that remains of personality or physical shape after denying to it truth, actuality, life, intelligence, substance and revelation which are spiritual qualities derived from Spirit. What remains does not exist and that which does not exist is without a color.

If Mr. Faithhealer is a disciple of Johnson proving matter real by stamping upon the ground he is indeed welcome to his views.

A little farther study and he will find his views and position are opposed to those of Prof. Huxley, Prof. Ostwald, Bishop Berkeley and many present day scientists.

Non existence neither possesses nor is possessed nor is a possession and is without Principle.

It is pre-umable that that concocted Mr. Faithhealer is demonstrating what he dominated in his second letter a "higher level" in his bribe and charity offer. Is it to be wondered that I refused to perform his judgment of what constituted a "higher level"?

Christian Science heals both sin and sickness by the realization that God, Mind, is All-in-all, omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient and man is His image and likeness. This is the true teaching. Day by day will Christian Science continue to heal until day and night measurement of time ceases to be.

Mr. Edly states in Science and Health on page 259—"The Christian Science understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and Principle perfect God and perfect man—the basis of thought and demonstration."

While Mr. Faithhealer during the past week has been endeavouring "to sweep back the ocean with a broom" Christian Science has been healing sin and sickness here and in China and throughout the world. "By their fruits ye shall know them" and Christian Science demonstrates and proves the truth of its teaching by its works. The fruiting I have thus far seen from the lips of Mr. Faithhealer have been shame, dishonesty and motives, colossal conceit, inordinate vanity and unwarranted assertiveness and inability to mind his own business.

Christian Science never attacks another religion nor an individual it leaves them to be judged "by their fruits" as they must also be judged. However all misrepresentations are replied to.

Yours etc.
CHAS. E. RICHARDSON.
Christian Science Publication Committee for Hongkong.
[This correspondence is now closed—Ed. "H. K. T."]

LOCAL SPORT.

Y. M. C. A. Tennis Tournament.

A tennis tournament has been arranged in connection with the Y. M. C. A. Tennis Club. The games, which have to be singles, will be played off during the month and it is expected that the first round will be completed by October 27.

The entrants are as follows:—Kempthorne, 30; v. F. H. 15; Haigh, 30; v. C. C. H. 15; 30/2; Leach, 15; v. H. 30; 3; Gegg, 30; v. C. H. 15; 15.

Second round:—Dwyer, 30 v. Longstaff, 30; and White 15/3 v. L. B. 50.

Y. M. C. A. Billiard Tournament. The handicap for the billiard tournament to be held in connection with the Y. M. C. A. has not yet been fully arranged.

Hongkong Hotel Billiard Handicap.

The following is the result of the billiard handicap.

Mr. Stevens, rec. 25, beat Mr. Hyndman, o.w. 0, 250—241.

The following matches are down to be played this evening:—Vergt, Cross, o.w. 15, v. Mr. Sternberg, rec. 15; Mr. Withams, rec. 30, v. Mr. Harrower, rec. 60; Mr. F. J. Brown, sec., v. Wong King Wo, rec. 40.

LANCASHIRE LADS.

Father Bernard Vaughan on Their Small Stature.

Father Bernard Vaughan, speaking at Liverpool, said that, passing through Lancashire, he could not help being painfully struck by the small stature of Lancashire lads.

In towns clustering around Liverpool and Manchester he found small, badly-grown, bow-legged, and narrow-chested lads. Very many of the boys and young men looked bleached, not to say anemic, as though they suffered from want of oxygen, nitrogen, and wholesome food. Did it mean that the hours of labour were too long? He thought not. The hours of labour were about eight.

A good deal of fraudulent food-stuffs was sold. Old men and women were not getting the article they paid for. Too much time was spent in looking at cinematograph pictures instead of healthy exercise in the open air.

The Corporations of Liverpool and Manchester ought to look to the physical well-being of citizens, and he thought every lad should be taught the noble art of self-defence.

MR. SHAW'S WITTICISMS.

Some Lively Passages From His New Play.

Mr. Shaw's new play, "Androcles and the Lion," is the liveliest topic of the day, and some of the most quaint passages in it—which are sure to arouse a vast amount of movement, if not of exasperation—are worth quoting.

For instance, Androcles, a formerly mild professor of the faith—with some gift, however, of repartee—reminds his wife in his unregenerate days he was a toper. "I could forgive her," she replies, "I can understand a man being addicted to drink, but I can't understand his being addicted to Christianity."

Then there is an exchange of Shavian argument between Lavinia and the handsome captain, who suggests that the whole trouble might be overcome by casting a little incense on the altar of the gods. "If you can't cast incense as a matter of conviction," he pleads, "you might at least do it as a matter of good taste." Referring to the sacrifices of the Christians, the Roman captain is made to explain that if the Christian women choose to die, instead of going through the form of burning a pinch of incense, theirs is not martyrdom, but suicide.

The captain also points out the absurdity of suggesting that there is any persecution in the disciplinary measures taken by the Government. "In throwing you to the lions the Divine Emperor is merely upholding the interest of religion," he explains. "Of course, if you were to throw him to the lions that might be called persecution." In Rome the same officer tells the soldiers that licence allowed them on the march cannot be permitted. Above all, there can be no singing of those profane and blasphemous hymns.

"But they march better for it," Captain, says the comic Centurion, whom Mr. Shaw conceives as a kind of sergeant. "Yes, that's true," admits the captain. "An exception may be made to the march tune of 'Onward, Christian Soldiers.' The words, however, must be altered, and I suggest the substitution of 'Throw them to the lions.'" When the Emperor pardons all the Christians, and someone else must be given to the new lion, Androcles volunteers himself. "I hope my wife will be happy with her next husband—poor fellow!" he says, mournfully. "I never," says Androcles, in another passage, "could dislike anyone enough to fight him." "No slavery for me and no cage for you," cries the heroic tailor as he and his formidable pet finally leave the stage.

THE KONGO.

The Japanese battle-cruiser Kongo now on the voyage to Singapore from Capetown is, with the possible exception of the British Tiger, the largest battle cruiser ever yet designed, being one of the group of four sanctioned under the estimates of 1911. She is 27,500 tons and carries eight guns in four centre line turrets, these are the British 13.5 inch, although the Japanese call them 14-inch. With the exception of the schooner how she is a replica of our Lion type. The water-line armour is carried well below the surface, and under it there is an auxiliary belt. The side armour extends to the elevation of the bow-deck, and is continued at the same height to the fore-castle, constituting a citadel for the 16 inch guns of the secondary armament. Her machinery, like that of the Lion, consists of turbines of 70,000 h.p.

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 Bate, E. R.
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 Bion, F. A.
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 Cambridge, A. J.
 Castro, Mr. & Mrs.
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 Castro, Master D.
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 L. E. F.
 Coleman, Miss J.
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 Come, G. A.
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Consignees

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"ARABIA."

Capt. O. Bath, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given to-day.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case, whatever.

This steamer brings on cargo:—
 ex s.s. "Jelo" from Drammen
 "Göteborg" Göteborg
 "Jacobi" Norrköping.
 HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.
 Hongkong Office
 Hongkong, 13th Oct., 1913. [473]

THE LINE OF STEAMERS

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"BENAVON"

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 23rd inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
 Agents
 Hongkong, 9th Oct., 1913.

THE AMERICAN AND MANCHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF BARODA."

Captain E. Mason, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, 6th inst., at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
 SHEWAN TOMES & Co.
 Agents
 Hongkong, 9th October, 1913.

Consignees

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

s.s. "MANOHURIA."

The above mentioned vessel having arrived consignees of cargo are hereby notified that owing to a fire having occurred on board on or about Oct. 1st 1913 a General Average has been declared and before delivery of cargo can be given the General Average Bond must be duly executed, a deposit of 15% of the invoice value of the goods paid, and valuation statements and all copies of invoices furnished.

Cargo will be landed immediately into the Company's godowns at West Point for inspection, and consignees are further notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of all damaged cargo.

Cargo remaining undelivered Saturday, Oct. 18th 1913 at noon will be subject to landing and storage charges.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

No claims against cargo loaded on board since the occurrence of the fire will be entertained unless accompanied by a short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co. and no claims will be allowed in General Average unless accompanied by certificate from Lloyd's surveyor showing whether damage was caused by either fire, smoke, and/or water.

All claims must be filed on or before November 11th, 1913, otherwise they will not be recognized.
 R. C. MORTON,
 Agent,
 Hongkong, 10th August, 1913. [514]

To Sail

THE "INDRA" LINE LTD.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamship

"INVERCLYDE"

Capt. Mansfield.

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 For Freight and further particulars apply to
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THE Steamship

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Captain James Dye, will be despatched from Hongkong on 28th October for
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 (with liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)
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Regular Steamship Service.

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For BOSTON and NEW YORK.

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 CORPL. COOK (D.C.L.I.) Ex-Champion of Bermuda and S. Africa.
 v. PTE. SMITH (D.C.L.I.) Champion of the Garrison.

10 Round Contest For the Welter-weight Championship of the Orient.
 Sky Kerrison (Hongkong) v. Sapper Miles (Hongkong) (Holder.) (Challenger.)

10 Round Contest For the Amateur Feather-weight of the Orient.
 Mr. Maher (Hongkong) v. Mr. Clifford (Kowloon) (Holder.) (Challenger.)

6 Round Contest, Light-weight.
 Bombardier McArdle (R.G.A.) v. Terry Lynch (Manila).
 6 Round Contest.

For the Feather-Championship of Hongkong (Chinese).
 W. T. Sung (Wanchai) v. Leung Ping Kee (West Point)

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COUNT HAYASHI'S MEMOIRS.

Sir Claude MacDonald's Denial.

Sir Claude M. MacDonald, K.C.B., G.O.M.G., writes as follows to several London newspapers with regard to the recent Hayashi disclosures:—

My attention has been drawn to the detailed account which appeared in your issue of September 11 of the late Count Hayashi's reminiscences regarding the negotiation which preceded the conclusion of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance Treaty. In this account the references to myself are very

inaccurate. The late Lord Salisbury never stated to me, as mentioned in the reminiscences, that "he was desirous of a definite alliance with Japan, as otherwise it was feared that she might get over her difficulties with Russia and form an alliance with that country," and I never made any such statement to Count Hayashi. It is further mentioned that I informed Count Hayashi that "the German Ambassador came to the Foreign Office and told me that there was a possibility of an alliance between Japan and Russia." In 1901, when this conversation is supposed to have taken place, I did not know the German Ambassador, and certainly, never at any time, then or

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COMMERCIAL.

Rubber.

London, Oct. 9

The quotation for Para Rubber, Fine, Hard, Cure, October and November, is 3s. 1½d. value. The tone of the rubber share market is dull.

Beans.

The following were the quotations at Tairen on October 8:—

Beans Y.3 72/3.75.

Bean Cake Y.1.36.

Silk.

There was very little activity in the market during the past fortnight. The heavy decline of prices in Japan has led to buyers withdrawing their orders or reducing their limits, and Chinese holders, on the other hand, have kept very firm; the result has been that no business was possible in the Shanghai market.

The following prices are reported to have been paid:—

Taatelee Olcey Killing ... 445

" Sork Channing ... 450

" R.R. Hungkes Mars 530

Motean Shein Double Cuck 1, 2 and 3 ... 402½

Shanghai R.R. Wild Dragon 1 and 2 ... 470

Tantlee Fil. Cross Small Buf. falo 1 ... 565

Grape Extra 1, 13/15 ... 830

Co'umbia 1 & 2 16/20 ... 820

Kalibun ... 325

Mienyang AAA 3 ... 320

Mieroba ... 342½

Mienchu Filature Gold Stock ... 687½

Shantung R. R. Red Ulf. corn 1 ... 455

Latest telegrams from Japan report an active market during the week, and high prices paid; but the market now closes quiet, owing to the fact of holders having advanced prices.—North China Daily News.

Japanese Coal.

Exports of Japanese coal, which has ousted Australian coal from the Malay peninsula and neighbourhood, are rapidly increasing, says the Asahi, but as it is not exported in direct transactions with the Japanese colliers, it is quoted at Y19 at the Singapore market, about four times as high as the rate in Japan. Even at such a high price—Y19 a ton—the demand for Japanese coal at Singapore and the neighbourhood is rapidly increasing. If direct export business is opened and Japanese coal supplied at a lower price, the demand will be much further increased, and if the owners of Japanese tramp steamers make the necessary improvements in their service, the Asahi thinks it may not be a difficult matter to capture the present advantage enjoyed by foreign steamers in carrying Japanese coal south and bringing back the produce of the South Sea Islands. If this is done the over-supply of shipping in Japan will be a matter of no concern, concludes the Osaka journal.

September Rubber Crops.

The China Realty Co., Ltd., secretaries and general managers of the Consolidated Rubber Estates, Ltd., report that the output of dry rubber for the month of September was 7,014 lbs.

We are informed by Messrs. Scott, Harding & Co. that the output of dry rubber from the estates of the Samagaya Rubber Co., Ltd., for September, including adjustments for twelve months, amounted to 4,112 lbs.

Messrs. Wm. Martin & Co., general agents of the See Kee Rubber Estates, Ltd., inform us that the estimated output of dry rubber during September is 1,800 lbs.

Messrs. Anderson, Mayer & Co., secretaries and managers of the Kota Bahru Rubber Estate, Ltd., report that the approximate output of dry Para rubber for the month of September was 18,200 lbs.

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To Sail

NOTICE

FOR EUROPE

via Ports of Call.

THE Steamship

"Prinz Eitel Friedrich."

Capt. C. Mundt, will be despatched from here on Wednesday the 26th. of November and is due to arrive in Genoa on the 23rd. of December.—This steamer gives splendid opportunity to REACH HOME JUST IN TIME FOR XMAS.—Early booking recommended.

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Hongkong, 6th Oct., 1913.

Don't forget after the Show

Supper, and Light Refreshments

ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Open Till Midnight.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST POLICE.

Inquest on a Chinese.

At the Police Court, on Tuesday Mr. Hazeland, held an inquest on the body of Li Lam, who died in the backyard of a house in Tai Hong Street, Shaikwan, whilst a gambling raid was being executed.

Mr. Crow, of Messrs Hastings, and Hastings, held a watching brief on behalf of the relatives of the deceased.

The jury was composed of the following: Charles Edward Warren, Isaac Samuel Perry, and Reginald Nigel Anderson.

The first part of the case was reported in yesterday's issue. The following transpired after we had gone to press.

Mr. Crow, the constable accused of the assault on the witness, went into the witness box and described the raid and what took place. He denied assaulting the deceased.

His Worship: Gentlemen of the jury, the question now is whether you are satisfied as to whether there was any striking at all. If there is any doubt in your minds you must give this man (the constable), who is really charged—practically on his trial—the benefit of the doubt.

The foreman: We think from the evidence the man has been struck.

His Worship:—Then the question is whether the striking caused his death—whether it hastened his death?

Juror Anderson: Did the doctor not say it would cause his death?

His Worship: No.

The foreman: I thought the doctor said it might cause his death.

His Worship: You are of opinion he was struck?

The foreman: Yes.

His Worship: I think it will be better to adjourn until to-morrow and have Dr. Macfarlane on that point.

The foreman: Can you adjourn it for any other day?

His Worship: Yes.

The foreman:—I am going away to-morrow for three days.

His Worship: The only question is—well, I won't take that verdict because I must call Dr. Macfarlane again. (To Mr. Crow) You will swear an information against the constable?

Mr. Crow:—I will leave that to your Worship entirely.

His Worship:—No, that is for you.

Mr. Crow:—Well, will your Worship issue a warrant on the finding of the jury to-day?

His Worship:—No.

Mr. Crow:—Would you Worship issue a warrant if I applied for one?

His Worship:—Yes, the real reason was having regard to the evidence.

Mr. Crow:—Your Worship will remember I did direct a certain number of questions on the point as to whether a prod more or less severe would cause the death of the deceased and the doctor admitted it might be from a fright or prod. *Ipso facto* if the deceased was in a condition that a fright would kill him, a blow would. Your Worship realises my position is only one of watching for the relatives.

His Worship: Having regard to the jury, I must take the evidence of the other constables as well. If you are prepared to swear an information—

Mr. Crow: Of course I cannot say now, because I haven't instructions, but suppose your Worship fixes a date provisionally, and if I am in the position of swearing an information to-morrow, the jury need not be troubled.

His Worship (to the foreman): You are going away to-morrow?

The foreman:—Yes.

Mr. Crow:—If your Worship can fix a date for next week?

His Worship:—Yes, I shall have on that finding to commit him on the charge of manslaughter. I would rather the information will be sworn, because then you have the police charge, and the police would have the prosecution. That is the much more satisfactory way. I will take it next Wednesday, the 22nd, at 2.15 p.m.

Mr. Crow:—If the information is sworn, the jury need not attend.

His Worship:—I don't think it will be necessary to have the jury any further.

ORGAN RECITAL.

There was a very fair attendance at St. John's Cathedral last evening, when Mr. Herman Fuller gave his first organ recital for the season. The programme was well up to the organist's style, in that it was well balanced and gave as much evidence of careful forethought as did his fine performance on his instrument.

While Mr. Fuller was excellent in the grandiose passages in Bach's "Passacaglia" and Wagner's "Overture" (Die Meistersinger) it was in delicate motives of Brahms' "Meditation" and Bridge's "Serenade" that he created the most pleasing impression.

The very fact that these two items are popular and well known, necessitates their most careful handling, by the instrumentalist. As it was he rendered them both with a rare delicacy of feeling and an appreciation of tone values which revealed all the beauties set forth by the composers.

The programme was as follows:—

"Passacaglia" B. Bach; "Meditation" Brahms; "Canon" Schumann; "Harmonies in Sol" S. Karg-Elert; Hymn 477; "Overture" (Die Meistersinger) Wagner; "Serenade" F. Bridge; "Finale" (Pathetic Symphony) Tchaikowsky.

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POST OFFICE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PARCELS MAIL.

The Public are informed that the Christmas Parcel Mail to the United Kingdom and countries beyond will be closed in this Office at 5 p.m. on the 15th of November. This Parcel Mail is due to reach London on the 15th of December. The following mail of the 1st of November will be treated as the New Year Mail, and is due to reach London on the 27th of December. Parcels may be forwarded via Brindisi with an extra fee of 50 cents and with this mail are due in London on the 6th of December.

Parcels containing Gold or Silver must be insured for at least part of their value. All insured parcels must be sealed. All the seals must be of the same colour and wax and must bear the impression of a private device. This device must be the same on each seal. Straight, curved, crossed or dotted lines are not admissible.

Buttons, Coins, Thimbles, cannot be used for sealing.

The Clerks of the Post Office are forbidden to affix Stamps on letters or Parcels or to seal any article for the Public. Parcels that in the opinion of the Officer handling the same do not comply with the regulations will not be accepted.

It is requested that Parcels be posted early.

The Tongo Maru with the American Mailer Nile is due to arrive here on Monday 20th inst.

MAILS ARRIVED.

Canadian, Empress of Japan German, Kleist.

MAILS DUE.

American, Tongo Maru, 20th inst.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Shanghai, North China, Twing-tau, Japan via Kobe, Europe via Siberia—Per KLEIST, 15th Oct, 5 p.m.

Straits—Per LIBERIA, 15th Oct, 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Mathilde 16th Oct, 9 a.m. Freehold W.A.—Per ITSU KUSHIMA MARU 16th inst, 10 a.m.

Hoihow, Hoihow and Paohe—Per HONGKONG, 16th Oct, 10 a.m.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples—Per GNEISENAU, 16th Oct, 11 a.m.

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Newchwang and Paohe—Per EIGER 16th inst, 3 p.m.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-CHING, 17th Oct, 10 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per ANIARU MARU, 17th Oct, 10 a.m.

Sumatra and Sourabaya—Per CHIL-DAR, 17th inst, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 18th October.

Philippine Islands—Per YEUNGSANG, 18th inst, 1 p.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 18th Oct, 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per CHENAN, 18th Oct, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji—Per NUBIA, 18th Oct, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 21st Oct.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Victoria B.C. and Seattle—Per SANUKI MARU, 21st inst, 10 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 21st Oct, 3 p.m.

Straits and Ceylon—Per KUTORI MARU, 21st Oct, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per KUTSANG, 21st inst, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd Oct.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per EMPRESS OF JAPAN, 22nd Oct, 10 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Timor, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane—Per LANGO MARU, 22nd Oct, 10 a.m.

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Wei-hai-wei and Tientsin—Per HUI-CHOW, 23rd Oct, 11 a.m.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 24th Oct, 10 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per ZAFIRO, 24th inst, 3 p.m.

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FRIDAY, 31st Oct.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per CHANG-SHA, 31st inst, 2 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Yarmouth, Br. s.s. 1800, 14th inst., Singapore.

Lovat, Br. s.s. 3,901, R. Glegg, 15th inst., Singapore 8th inst., Gen. J. M. & Co.

Nile, Br. s.s. 4,158, H. Powell, 15th inst., Yokohama 10th Sept., Gen. P. & O.

Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s. 846, K. Minakami, 15th inst., Swatow 14th inst., Gen. O.S.K.

Cathay, Danish, 2,595, E. Kall, 15th inst., Copenhagen 6th inst., Gen. M. & Co.

Kleist, Ger. s.s. 8,959, L. Maas, 15th inst., Singapore 10th inst., Gen. M. & Co.

Empress of Japan, Br. s.s. 3,028, W. Dixon Hoper, 15th inst., Vancouver 13th inst., Flour Potatoes etc., C.P.R.

Chenam, Br. s.s. 1,350, Lloyd W. Jones, 15th inst., Shanghai 12th inst., Gen. B. and S.

Kirin Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,993, Deguchi, 15th inst., Singapore 9th inst., Gen. N.Y.K.

Pitsuntok, Ger. s.s. 1,267, Tanbert, 15th inst., Swatow 14th inst., Gen. M. and Co.

DEPARTED.

October 15.

Kleid for Bangkok Arabia for Shanghai Huitan for Fowchow Canton Maru for Moji Democuous for London Chiyuen for Shanghai Gneisenau for Hamburg Thon, via Yokohama Kuangshah for Canton Hanyang for Canton Hanyang for Antwerp Chihua for Manila Boshu Maru for Anping

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 15th inst 12.50.—Pressure has increased slightly over Annam and the Visayas, and along the south-east coast of China. It has decreased slightly to moderately elsewhere.

At 5 a.m. this morning the typhoon was in about latitude 18°4' N. and longitude 124° travelling N.N.E.

Another depression lies to the south-east of Naha.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. N. winds, fresh to moderate; fine.

2 Formosa Channel. Northerly gale.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamooka as No. 1.

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China Coast Meteorological Register. 15th October, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind Force. Weather.

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